1991-92 the Department of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 10.00 lakhs for printing of publicity material on the Sinhasth Purv, 1992 as Rs 9.50 lakhs for provision of tents. An amount of Rs. 45.00 lakhs has also been sanctioned for construction of a 60 bedded Yatri Niwas at Ujjain.

Telegraph Offices with S.F.T. System

5273. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telegraph offices where Store and Forward Transmission system is in use to send the telegrams in Roman Script under which the telegrams are delivered quickly;

(b) whether such a system is utilised in respect of telegrams sent in Hindi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to utilise this system for telegrams in Hindi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are 30 Telegraph Offices (Stations), where Store and Forward Transmission Systems are in use.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The existing Software is not capable. Steps have been taken to develop and upgrade the Software.

SC/ST Quota in NTPC

5274. SHRI BHERULAL MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota fixed for recruiting persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in National Thermal Power Corporation has been filled up; and

(b) if so, the number of persons recruited since July 1991 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The reservation percentage in recruitment for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes(SCs/STs) in Groups 'A' & 'B' posts in the National Thermal Power Corporation is on All India Basis. The quota of 16.66% for SCs and 7.5% for STs in Groups 'A' and 'B' posts has not yet been achieved despite best efforts made exclusively for their recruitment in the past. However, the third Special Recruitment Drive has since been launched to fill up the gap.

The Reservation percentage in recruitment for SCs/STs in Groups 'C' & 'D' posts is on local basis and varies from State to State depending upon the percentage of population. In some of the projects situated in various states, the recruitment made has been more than the prescribed percentage whereas in some projects there is marginal shortfall. However, when considered against an average percentage of reservation on whole company basis, the number of SC & ST employees recruited in Groups 'C; & 'D' posts is more than this average reservation percentage except in ST category of Group 'C', as brought out below:-

Group	*SC*		*ST*	
	Average%	*In position*	*Average%*	*In position*
C	16.30	16.29	8.70	6.75
D	16.30	22.42	8.70	9.40